

## **TITLE 16. SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY BOARD**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board is proposing to take the action described in the Informative Digest. No public hearing has been scheduled on the proposed action. However, any interested person or such person's duly authorized representative may request, no later than 15 days prior to the close of the written comment period, a public hearing pursuant to Section 11346.8. Written comments, including those sent by mail, facsimile, or e-mail to the addresses listed under Contact Person in this Notice, must be received by the Board at its office not later than 5:00 p.m. on June 12, 2006. The Board, upon its own motion or at the instance of any interested party, may thereafter adopt the proposals substantially as described below or may modify such proposals if such modifications are sufficiently related to the original text. With the exception of technical or grammatical changes, the full text of any modified proposal will be available for 15 days prior to its adoption from the person designated in this Notice as contact person and will be mailed to those persons who submit written or oral testimony related to this proposal or who have requested notification of any changes to the proposal.

Authority and Reference: Pursuant to the authority vested by Business and Professions Code Section 2531.95 to implement, interpret or make specific Sections 2538.1 and 2538.7 of the Business and Professions Code, the Board is considering changes to Division 13.4 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations as follows:

### **INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW**

The Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board ("Board") is authorized by Business and Professions Code Section 2538.1 to issue Speech-Language Pathology Assistant registrations (SLPA).

The Board is authorized by Business and Professions Code Section 2531.95 to adopt regulations necessary to implement the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Licensure Act.

The proposed amendment of Section 1399.151.1 is a minor technical change that adds a clarifying title to the affected section regarding application processing times for issuance of a SLPA registration to conform the subsection with existing regulation text.

The proposed adoption of Section 1399.170.20.1 essentially establishes a process for canceling an individual's SPLA registration upon issuance of the individual's Speech-Language Pathology license.

### **FISCAL IMPACT ESTIMATES**

Fiscal Impact on Public Agencies Including Costs or Savings to State Agencies or Cost/Savings in Federal Funding to the State: None

Nondiscretionary Costs/Savings to Local Agencies: None

Local Mandate: None

Cost to Any Local Agency or School District for Which Government Code Section 17561 Requires Reimbursement: None

Business Impact: The Board has made an initial determination that the proposed regulatory action would have no significant statewide adverse economic impact directly effecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

**AND**

The following studies/relevant data were relied upon in making the above determination: None

Impact on Jobs/New Businesses: The Board has determined that this regulatory proposal will not have a significant impact on the creation of jobs or new businesses or the elimination of jobs or existing businesses or the expansion of businesses in the State of California.

Cost Impact on Private Persons or Entities: The Board is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

Effect on Housing Costs: None

**EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESS**

The Board has determined that the proposed regulatory action would not affect small businesses as the action applies to individuals.

**CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES**

The Board must determine that no reasonable alternative it considered to the regulation or that has otherwise been identified and brought to its attention would either be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposal described in this Notice.

Any interested person may present statements or arguments orally or in writing relevant to the above determinations at the above-mentioned hearing.

**INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS AND INFORMATION**

The Board has prepared an initial statement of the reasons for the proposed action and has available all the information upon which the proposal is based.

**TEXT OF THE PROPOSAL**

Copies of the exact language of the proposed regulations and of the initial statement of reasons, and all of the information upon which the proposal is based, may be obtained upon request from the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board at 1422 Howe Avenue, Suite 3, Sacramento, CA 95825.

**AVAILABILITY AND LOCATION OF THE FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS AND RULEMAKING FILE**

All information upon which the proposed regulations are based is contained in the rulemaking file which is available for public inspection by contacting the person named below.

You may obtain a copy of the final statement of reasons once it has been prepared, by making a written request to the contact person named below or by accessing the website listed below.

### **CONTACT PERSON**

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Website Access: Materials regarding this proposal can be found at [www.slpab.ca.gov](http://www.slpab.ca.gov).